

These are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Bass Lake, Sawyer County held on Monday, March 9, 2015. Members Present: Supervisors Dave Aubart, Ralph Meixner, Brian Bisonette, Joel Valentin (6:28 pm), Treasurer Kari Aderman and Clerk Erica Warshawsky. Members Absent: Chairperson Justin Hall.

Clerk Warshawsky called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00pm. Warshawsky announced that Chairperson Justin Hall is absent. Warshawsky requested a motion to elect a Chairperson for the meeting. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Bisonette to elect Meixner as Chairperson. Motion carried.

Chairperson Meixner call the meeting to order 6:36 pm.

Clerk Warshawsky affirmed agenda was posted in compliance with open meetings law.

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Valentin to approve the consent agenda below with the request to move “Auditor Report – CliftonLarsonAllen” after “Consent Agenda”:

Approve Agenda
Review and Approve Vouchers for February, 2015
Minutes of the February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting
Minutes of the January 5, 2015 Fire Department Meeting
Minutes of the February 2, 2015 Fire Department Meeting

Motion carried.

Brandon Willger, CPA from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP presented the auditor’s report. Willger reviewed page 1 outlining the Town, Town Board and auditor’s responsibilities. Willger noted that the Town uses cash basis of accounting which is different than GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). Willger reviewed income, expenses and breakdown of bank accounts, noting that the Town’s funds were fully collateralized. Willger reported that the Town has 2 notes outstanding. Willger stated that the Town was close to budget, which is what they like to see. Willger asked for questions – none. Meixner thanked Willger.

Meixner reported that correspondence was received from Sawyer County Zoning approving the Conditional Use Permit for Neibert with conditions submitted by the Town and approving the 3 year renewal of the Conditional Use Permit for Jonjak Cranberry Farm, Inc. c/o Randy Jonjak with conditions submitted by the Town. Meixner reported that correspondence was received regarding a pipeline safety and awareness program at the Shell Lake Community Center on March 31, 2015.

Meixner presented the proposed amendments to the Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance listed below:

1. Section 2.0 Definitions – Sawyer County Zoning Ordinance – “Domestic Animal”, “Farm/Agricultural Animal” and Livestock”
2. Section 4.26 Accessory Uses and Structures. Planning Committee Chairperson Mark Olson explained the County is changing Variance to Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and adding County roads.
3. Section 6.7 Placement of Major Recreational Equipment/Vehicles “Camping” Town Options. Amendment includes that a 911 sign must be obtained and posted.
4. Section 17.4 and 17.5 Agricultural Zone Districts. Amendment clarifies Ag 1 (commercial) and A2 (hobby).
5. Section 27 Annual Fees – Sawyer County Ordinance for Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation. The County wants to eliminate the \$750.00 cap to give incentive for reclamation to be done.

Motion by Valentin, seconded by Aubart to approve changes. Motion carried.

Meixner presented the proposed amendments to the Sawyer County Shoreland-Wetland Protection Ordinance. Meixner reported that the amendments were mandated by the State’s Shoreland Protection Program, Chapter NR115. Meixner

reported that the changes deal with multiple dwelling that were preexisting and grandfathered in. Those units can only be expanded 50% of the current floor area for each unit. Other changes include vertical expansion and setbacks.

Fire Department member Marvin Mullet presented the Fire Department Report. Mullet reported that February was quiet month. There was one response for a roll over. Mullet reported that Patrick Peake and Lance Graber have changed their status to inactive due to changes with their jobs.

Motion by Bisonette, seconded by Aubart to approve purchases.

Mullet reported that Engine 1 still does not have enough hours to be tested. Tender 1 will be scheduled to be taken in for repair.

Pay Rate for Hose Testing was discussed. Mullet reported that the Fire Department membership is willing to test hoses for 75% of commercial hose testing. Mullet explained that each hose must be tested and documented. Meixner asked how many feet of hose does the Fire Department have. Mullet answered 5,000 ft. of hose. Mullet stated that he had a quote from 2 years ago. Mullet will find the quote and submit it. Meixner asked Mullet to get an updated quote.

Mullet reported that the Fire Department has not heard anything regarding grants.

Highway Crew Chief Truit Campbell presented the Highway Report. Campbell reported that February was a quiet month with just 1 plowable snow. The Highway Department has been busy with basic maintenance of the front end loader, filters changes on truck #106 and truck #6. Campbell reported that the grader is due for service and CAT will come and service the grader. A new heater and counter were installed at the transfer station and a lot of time was spent updating WISLR and sign inventory.

Campbell presented the road maintenance list for crack sealing and seal coating. Campbell included the list from last year as well as the roads he would like to address this year. Campbell stated that Trepania is still on the list even though it is expected to be turned over to the Tribe. Bisonette said that we will be waiting a while. Campbell reviewed the roads and recommended seal coating all Northwoods Beach blacktop roads and crack sealing and seal coating Winters Point Road, Thoroughfare Road, Taylor Road and Mission Road. Campbell requested that crack sealing and seal coating be bid out next month. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Valentin to request bids for crack sealing and seal coating. Motion carried.

Campbell reported that the minimum order for the 2015/2016 salt order is the same as last year, 50 tons and the Town should not need more than that. Motion by Aubart, seconded by Bisonette to place order. Motion carried.

Campbell reported that maintenance on the tornado siren needs to be performed periodically to check the batteries, etc. Campbell received a quote for \$400.00 and asked the Board if they would like maintenance to occur on an annual basis or every other year. Aubart said that he would like it done every other year. Aubart requested maintenance this year and every other year. Warshawsky will create a separate line item on the budget under General Government Expense.

Campbell reported that road bans for Bass Lake will go into effect on Friday, March 13, 2015 at midnight.

Campbell requested a mailbox ordinance for next month's meeting. Meixner replied that the postal service has requirements. Aubart added that there no one here to enforce it.

Treasurer Kari Aderman presented the Treasurer's Report. Aderman reported that February 28, 2015 the Town has a total of \$587,853.18. The Clerk and Treasured balanced for the month. Motion by Valentin, seconded by Bisonette to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – none

Campbell spoke to Fire Chief Jeff Peake regarding the construction inspection of the Fire Hall. Campbell reported that Gary Wireholt can do a full inspection. Meixner instructed Mullet to schedule the inspection with the Fire Chief or Fire Department Member.

Meixner announced that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 6:00 pm with regular monthly Board meeting to immediately follow.

Town of Bass Lake Comprehensive Plan – Tabled until the Planning Committee is ready.

Meixner presented the Temporary Liquor License Application for the Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club. Motion by Bisonette, seconded by Valentin to approve the application. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Motion by Aubart, seconded by Valentin to adjourn at 7:23 pm. Motion carried.